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510(K) SUMMARY

Manufacturer:	Fixano S.A. Z.A. Les Bruyeres 01960 Peronnas France
Submitted By:	Ferguson Medical Consultant to Fixano S.A.
Classification Name:	Smooth or threaded metallic bone fixation fastener.
Common/Usual Name:	Intramedullary nail, fixation pin, and others.
Proprietary Name:	FLEX-NAILS
Classification Number:	21 CFR 888.3040/Procode 87 HTY
Substantial Equivalence:	DePuy Nancy Nail preamendment device, DePuy Sterile Kirschner Wires and Steinmann Pins device (K960385) Syntec-Taichung Non-sterile Kirschner Wires and Steinmann Pins (K983121)
Device Description:	The device is a flexible titanium nail for orthopedic implantation.
Intended Use:	The intended use is similar to that for other implantable intramedullary nails.
Technological Characteristics:	The FLEX-NAILS device is similar in its intended use to predicate devices and existent methodologies.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Public Health Service

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Fixano SA
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Re: K012161
Trade Name: FLEX-NAILS
Regulation Number: 888.3040
Regulatory Class: II
Product Codes: HTY
Dated: June 15, 2001
Received: July 11, 2001

Dear Mr. Ferguson:

We have reviewed your Section 510(k) notification of intent to market the device referenced above and we have determined the device is substantially equivalent (for the indications for use stated in the enclosure) to legally marketed predicate devices marketed in interstate commerce prior to May 28, 1976, the enactment date of the Medical Device Amendments, or to devices that have been reclassified in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (Act). You may, therefore, market the device, subject to the general controls provisions of the Act. The general controls provisions of the Act include requirements for annual registration, listing of devices, good manufacturing practice, labeling, and prohibitions against misbranding and adulteration.

If your device is classified (see above) into either class II (Special Controls) or class III (Premarket Approval), it may be subject to such additional controls. Existing major regulations affecting your device can be found in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 21, Parts 800 to 895. A substantially equivalent determination assumes compliance with the Current Good Manufacturing Practice requirements, as set forth in the Quality System Regulation (QS) for Medical Devices: General regulation (21 CFR Part 820) and that, through periodic QS inspections, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) will verify such assumptions. Failure to comply with the GMP regulation may result in regulatory action. In addition, FDA may publish further announcements concerning your device in the Federal Register. Please note: this response to your premarket notification submission does not affect any obligation you might have under sections 531 through 542 of the Act for devices under the Electronic Product Radiation Control provisions, or other Federal laws or regulations.

This letter will allow you to begin marketing your device as described in your 510(k) premarket notification. The FDA finding of substantial equivalence of your device to a legally marketed predicate device results in a classification for your device and thus, permits your device to proceed to the market.

If you desire specific advice for your device on our labeling regulation (21 CFR Part 801 and additionally 809.10 for in vitro diagnostic devices), please contact the Office of Compliance at (301) 594-4659. Additionally, for questions on the promotion and advertising of your device, please contact the Office of Compliance at (301) 594-4639. Also, please note the regulation entitled, "Misbranding by reference to premarket notification" (21CFR 807.97). Other general information on your responsibilities under the Act may be obtained from the Division of Small Manufacturers Assistance at its toll-free number (800) 638-2041 or (301) 443-6597 or at its Internet address "http://www.fda.gov/cdrh/dsma/dsmamain.html".

Sincerely yours,

for Mark N. Melkerson

Celia M. Witten, Ph.D., M.D.
Director
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Office of Devices Evaluation
Center for Devices and
Radiological Devices

Enclosure

510(k) Number (If known): K012161

Device Name: FLEX-NAILS

Indications For Use:

Fixano FLEX-NAILS are indicated for use in fixation of bone fractures, for bone reconstructions, as guide pins for insertion of other implants, or implantation through the skin so that traction may be applied to the skeletal system.

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Concurrence of CDRH, Office of Device Evaluation (ODE)

for Mark N Melkerson

(Division Sign-Off)
Division of General, Restorative
and Neurological Devices

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Prescription Use XX OR Over-The- Counter Use _____
(Per 21 CFR 801.109)